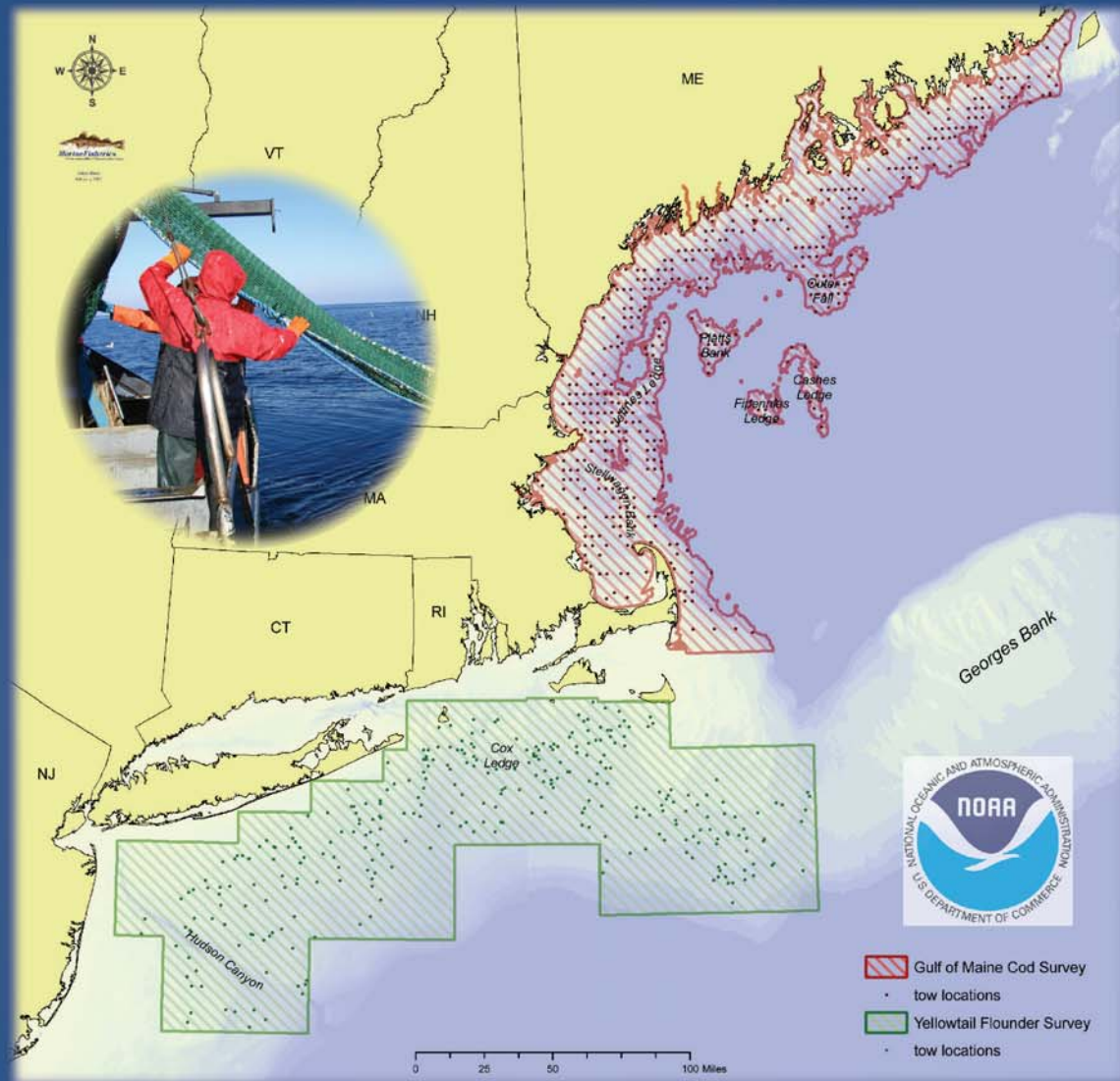


Industry Based Surveys



Attention Fixed Gear Fishermen

Industry based trawl surveys are taking place in nearshore waters off your state. These surveys represent a collaborative effort between the fishing industry and scientists to collect biological information on cod and yellowtail. The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries conducts the Gulf of Maine cod trawl surveys from November through May. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management conducts two yellowtail surveys that take place in April and September. There is a potential for interactions with fixed gear throughout the survey area. **Fishermen using fixed gear in the cod survey area are asked to temporarily remove their gear from the survey tow locations. In the yellowtail survey area, fishermen are asked to contact RI DEM to coordinate the location of their gear with the survey vessels.**

For details regarding schedules and tow locations for the **cod survey**, contact Bill Hoffman, MA DMF, 978-282-0308 x. 106 or visit the state website at: www.mass.gov/marinefisheries. Additional information on the **yellowtail survey** can be obtained by contacting April Valliere, RI DEM, 401-423-1939 or visit the state website at: www.state.ri.us/dem. Maine lobstermen can also contact their Lobster Zone Council and Lobster Advisory Council representatives.

Contributing partners include: MA DMF, RI DEM, ME DMR, NH F&G